

**PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR VOTING ACCESSIBILITY
ANNUAL REPORT**

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NAME OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY: Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services

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Area 1

- ❖ To ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities

- Activities may include, but not limited to registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places.

Goal/Activity outlined in plan (application):

Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 1	Description of activities in Area 1 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
The Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services (IPAS) office was staffed on Election Day, November 6, 2007, from 6:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M., in order to provide the public with information and referral services, as well as access to the grievance process and related information, as to any issues and/or problems encountered in the voting process. One (1) request for information and referral was received during the day. One call was received during the day from an individual who reported an issue with one of the voting places in Marion County insofar as construction at the site which caused potential voters to park a significant distance from the voting place. The caller was concerned that this situation could visit an undue hardship on people with disabilities. The situation was discussed with the individual and he was provided with the telephone number to the Indiana Secretary of State’s “Help America Vote Act” (HAVA) office, through which he could	1	Providing information to groups about voting rights and access.		\$10,538.00*	

<p>report the problem and determine whether he wanted to file a grievance as to the matter. The caller was also offered the opportunity to re-contact IPAS if they decided to file a grievance through the Secretary of State and wanted assistance with the process.</p> <p>Team members/Advocates working on the Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access (PAVA) voter survey completed their recruiting and information gathering efforts in conjunction with the November 6, 2007 election. IPAS attempted to recruit participants through both individual and agency contact efforts. While a significant number of people were contacted, both directly and indirectly, only four (4) individuals completed the final survey, none of whom encountered any difficulties during the voting process. Discussions are taking place as to how we will modify the process, insofar as recruitment and gathering of a final survey population for the upcoming May 2008 election.</p> <p>In February 2008, IPAS learned that the Marion County Election Commission and the Marion County Clerk, Beth White, who is responsible for staging elections in Marion County, intended to hold the March 11, 2008 7th Congressional District Special Election</p>		<p>Identifying and removing obstacles to voting access.</p> <p>Insuring voting access for individuals with disabilities.</p>			
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<p>without equipment and accommodations required by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Specifically, the election was to be held using only paper ballots with no provision of HAVA-compliant electronic voting machines, which are specifically designed to accommodate people with disabilities and required by Federal and State law. Initial attempts to resolve this issue informally by contact with the Marion County Clerk, through her designated representative, Gregory Fehrbach, were unsuccessful. IPAS then forwarded letters of concern and protest to both the Chairman of the Marion County Election Commission, Mark Sullivan, and to Ms. White. The letters cited the Federal and State laws with which they would be in non-compliance, emphasized the effect of their decision as a blatant disenfranchisement of members of the disability community and questioned the validity of such an election, as well as raising the possibility of challenges to its outcome. Subsequent to this letter, and letters of concern from several other sources, the Marion County Election Commission and the Marion County Clerk announced that the March 11th Special Election would be held in full compliance with Federal and State HAVA laws.</p> <p>IPAS/PAVA Advocates continued to gather results from the survey</p>		Identifying and eliminating			
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<p>conducted after the November 6, 2007 election. None of the survey results gathered to date report any problems or issues related to the voting process insofar as access for people with disabilities. In various discussions between the PAVA Coordinator and the Advocates, strong consideration is being given to amending the survey such that it would be conducted as a post-election process in a cold call format. The plan is to continue to amend/adjust the survey toward increasing our response rates and, consequently, the amount of feedback we gather from members of the disability community.</p> <p>In an effort to provide the disability community with more information as to voter registration and identification laws and requirements, an informational letter has been drafted. The letter contains general information as to deadlines for registration, identification requirements, the website address for Indiana's voter I.D. law, information as to the availability of the HAVA grievance process and information as to IPAS and the Indiana Secretary of State's Office. Placement of the letter's contents in the PAVA brochure distributed by IPAS is currently under consideration.</p> <p>The IPAS office was staffed on Election Day, May 6, 2008. No complaints or</p>		<p>obstacles to voting access.</p> <p>Education and empowerment of individuals with disabilities.</p> <p>Education and empowerment.</p>			
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<p>requests for information were received on Election Day.</p> <p>IPAS completed revisions to the “<i>Voting Guide</i>” and the update of the “<i>PAVA Brochure</i>”, and both publications went to print. At this time, 3,500 <i>Voting Guides</i> and 2,000 <i>PAVA Brochures</i> have been printed for use in the PAVA outreach project that was started in this quarter and is continuing up through the election, as well as for general distribution. To date, more than 2,000 <i>Voting Guides</i> have been distributed to the public through outreach, by specific request, and through other venues and IPAS interactions.</p> <p>As a result of the PAVA outreach project initiated in the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2008, IPAS opened several new service requests to provide information, materials and technical assistance directed toward enabling people with disabilities to vote. This was accomplished by providing assistance with voter registration, obtaining proper voter identification as required by State law, determining registration status and appropriate polling place information, and dissemination of informational materials and forms about the voting process.</p>		<p>Education of individuals with disabilities.</p> <p>Assistance in voting enablement.</p>			
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<u>Area 2</u> ❖ To provide education, training and assistance to individuals with disabilities that will promote their participation in the electoral process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activities may include, but not limited to education regarding voter registration, providing individuals with disabilities regarding their legal rights that pertain to voting, and providing assistance to individuals with disabilities in accessing the polls on Election Day. 					
<i>Goal/Activity outlined in plan (application):</i>					
Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 2	Description of activities in Area 2 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
Total number of individuals contacted by IPAS through speaking engagements by IPAS Staff during Fiscal year 2008.	3,739	Information dissemination.		\$10,538.00*	
Total number of people estimated to have received some form of voting information as a result of IPAS’ efforts through the media and by the number of contacts through IPAS’ website.	66,653	Information dissemination.			
Total number of publications involving voting information distributed by IPAS during Fiscal Year 2008.	16,673	Information dissemination.			
Total number of “Information and Referral” cases opened and handled by IPAS during Fiscal Year 2008.	18	Voting enablement.			
IPAS has continued to distribute the “Voting in Indiana” handbook, and					

<p>IPAS plans to expand the distribution of this book through IPAS staff in the course of their various contacts with individuals and agencies.</p> <p>IPAS received an inquiry as to the status and transferability of an individuals' vote when that individual, due to disability, is unable to vote. IPAS was able to clarify that a person's vote is their own by Constitutional and legal grant, and that an individuals' vote is not transferable, nor can another person be assigned the voting rights of the disabled individual. It was clarified that Indiana has yet to establish or even attempt the establishment of a minimum level of measurable competency under which a person could be divested of their right to vote.</p> <p>IPAS completed the initial draft of a new voting guide that will be available to assist individuals with disabilities in understanding and being able to navigate all aspects of the voting process now and for future elections. The new book provides information as to the voting process from registration to entering the voting booth, and all aspects in between. The book has been created for the use of all people who might benefit from it, but it has been configured with deference to its potential use by individuals with cognitive disabilities. The initial edit of</p>		<p>Provision of legal guidance to the public.</p> <p>Education as to voting issues and rights.</p>			<p>Creation and distribution of new materials that provide comprehensive information to members of the disability community about the voting process from the point of becoming aware of an election to the moment a person enters the voting booth. The new materials cover registration, polling</p>
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<p>the book was completed, and forwarded to Hiron, the company responsible for the formatting and printing aspects of the project, to have the first prototype printed. Once the first version was ready, IPAS solicited the input of Self Advocates of Indiana at their July conference as part of the process of refining the book in preparation for printing and distribution. The new guide was widely distributed in the months preceding the General Election; was used in the new voter information outreach project IPAS conducted; and was created to be usable for election training and information for years to come.</p> <p>IPAS has revised and updated the information contained in its Protection and Advocacy of Voting Access (PAVA) brochure to include updates and changes in the law, and new information that has become available since the last revision. The revised brochures were widely distributed in the months preceding the upcoming General Election. It is IPAS' intent to more broadly distribute the new brochures to all individuals that have cases with IPAS, and those with whom IPAS would correspond in the course of IPAS' requested involvement.</p> <p>Based on information which indicated a lack of access and involvement to the</p>		<p>Education and information as to voting rights.</p> <p>Provision of voting</p>			<p>places, identification requirements, absentee balloting, provisional ballots and accommodations within the material presented. Several other areas and topics are also covered.</p>
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<p>voting process by individuals with disabilities who reside in State operated and/or funded facilities, IPAS, with the collaborative assistance of Self Advocates of Indiana, initiated a project to expand access to the voting process and information to these individuals. This project involved Advocates from IPAS providing outreach services, in the form of information about the registration, general voting and absentee ballot processes, to individuals in various facility and residential settings. IPAS' Legal section has created a number of supporting informational documents for use by the Advocates in this outreach, which documents will be made available to the Advocates at a training session to be held in the near future.</p> <p>IPAS/PAVA was contacted regarding the issue of what effect that the establishment of a Court ordered guardianship and attendant competency finding had on the voting rights of the individual who was the subject of the guardianship action. Indiana law, insofar as guardianships, is silent as to any effect a guardianship proceeding/order has on a person's right to vote. There is no existing statutory or case law in Indiana on the issue of voting as it relates to guardianships. Indiana's commitment law, however,</p>	1	<p>information.</p> <p>Provision of voting information and assistance to the public.</p>			
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<p>does specifically reaffirm the voting rights of a person who is the subject of a commitment order under Indiana Code 12-26-2-8(a)(1)(F).</p> <p>IPAS Staff attended the K.E.Y. Consumer Conference held at the Airport Holiday Inn on September 5th. This conference has a representative population of consumers and services providers from the mental health community, and more specifically, those that experience mental illness. IPAS' role in attending this conference was two-fold: 1) to set-up and staff a booth to distribute materials and provide information relevant to disability rights, voting rights and other general information made available by IPAS; and 2) for IPAS Staff to give a verbal and power point presentation regarding resident's rights and voting information to conference attendees who participated in one of the breakout sessions held during the day. Several consumers and service providers attended the presentation, at which materials and information were provided that many of the attendees requested for the benefit of consumers they provide services to.</p> <p>IPAS' new <i>Voting Guide</i> was featured and read on radio station WFYI through a program entitled "At Your Service". This program features current events,</p>	100				
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<p>services and information, and the Guide was read to the public during several airings.</p> <p>IPAS contacted the Traumatic Brain Injury Association of Indiana and offered to provide a supply of the <i>Voting Guide</i> books for distribution to the attendees of their Conference held on October 2nd-3rd. The Association requested 250 copies of the guide and stated that they would include a copy of the booklet in the package of materials provided to each of the attendees.</p> <p>IPAS planned and initiated a voter information outreach program that was implemented by the Advocates throughout the August-October 2008 voting season. The PAVA Coordinator and other assigned staff prepared and created a number of informational guides and supports with which to train the Advocates as to relevant aspects of the voting outreach, and to provide to clients/consumers as resources during the election season. The materials were created to provide information as to the key aspects of voter registration, voter identification, absentee ballots, determining registration status and polling place location, and other attendant information. During the previous quarter and continuing into the fourth quarter, IPAS staff also created, revised and had printed the <i>PAVA</i></p>	<p>250</p> <p>1997</p>	<p>Training and enablement to vote of individuals with disabilities.</p>			
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<p><i>Brochure</i> and a new publication entitled <i>Voting Guide</i>. These resources provide general, but detailed, information to their readers regarding all of the key aspects which facilitate their ability to vote, and lead up to their actual participation in the November 4th election.</p> <p>The scope, subject matter and limits of the outreach program were conveyed to the Advocates at the August Client Services Meeting, as both an introduction and a training session. The Advocates were provided with the information and prepared materials, and required to conduct no less than two (2) voting related outreaches through facilities, agencies, etc. that serve individuals with disabilities. The majority of the outreaches have been held as of the end of this reporting quarter and, as of the writing of this report, this outreach project directly contacted 1,977 people during the fourth quarter, and the project is still active. In addition to the direct contacts, an unidentified number of people have been impacted by the materials provided to the various venues and agencies.</p>					
<p><u>Area 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Participate in advocacy and education efforts revolving around HAVA implementation efforts in their State or Territory. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activities may include, but not limited to participation on HAVA State Planning Committee, subcommittee or coalition efforts regarding the State Plan, and review, advocacy, and education concerning the enactment of HAVA State Legislation. 					

<i>Goal/Activity outlined in plan (application):</i>					
Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 3	Description of activities in Area 3 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
<p>IPAS met with the Indiana Secretary of State’s HAVA Coordinator, Julia Baurle, on January 24, 2008, to discuss issues and initiatives under consideration by both agencies relevant to upcoming elections. At IPAS’ request, Ms. Baurle stated that she would look into increasing the size, emphasis and presence of IPAS information and general grievance information on the voting information posters distributed throughout the State for display on election days. Also discussed was the possibility of publishing information as to IPAS, the Indiana Secretary of State’s Office and the HAVA grievance process in the election information section of a few large distribution newspapers on election day. Finally, future contact and exchange of information was discussed in regard to the results of a poll being conducted by the Governor’s Planning Council. The poll contains questions posed by IPAS on voting related issues.</p> <p>IPAS’ PAVA Advocates continued to attempt to survey individuals with</p>		<p>Education of public officials.</p> <p>Identification and elimination</p>		\$3,512.00*	<p>IPAS has maintained and continued to build a strong relationship with the HAVA office of Indiana Secretary of State, Todd Rokita, during the past year. As a result of this relationship, the HAVA Coordinator routinely seeks input and assistance from IPAS when developing materials, addressing polling place access and in general projects involving individuals with disabilities and access issues. IPAS’ contact information is now included on most, if not all, poll worker training materials utilized by the HAVA Coordinator in their training materials.</p>

disabilities in the community regarding physical access to polling places, access to the voting process and their general voting experience. Although substantial efforts were made to contact and solicit information from large numbers of people, the overall, post-election response continued to be sparse. Following the May 6, 2008 Primary Election, responses were received from approximately ten (10) individuals with disabilities, none of whom reported any problems or complaints arising from their voting experiences.		of voting related issues.			
<p><u>Area 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Training and education of election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers regarding the rights of the voters with disabilities and best practices in working with individuals with disabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activities may include, but not limited to providing training and participating in the development of training education programs for election officials and poll workers. <p><i>Goal/Activity outlined in plan (application):</i></p>					
Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 4	Description of activities in Area 4 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s

<p>IPAS/PAVA received a report of three (3) concerns from a resident of Marion County as a result of the March 11, 2008 Special Election which was held to fill the vacant 7th Congressional District U.S. House of Representatives seat. The concerns included: 1) poor posting/display of the disability rights/information poster provided by the Indiana Secretary of State's Office, which poster includes information about IPAS, the Indiana Secretary of State and the grievance process; 2) polling staff's lack of knowledge as to existence and proper use of HAVA-compliant voting machines for people with disabilities; and 3) difficulty with the readability of the paper ballots used for the election.</p> <p>Based on these concerns, IPAS initiated contact with Julia Baurle, Help America Vote Act Education and Outreach Director for the Indiana Secretary of State's Office. Part of Ms. Baurle's responsibilities include organizing and providing training seminars to the designated contact people for the counties, who relate this training to the grass-roots poll workers in the various counties. Ms. Baurle stated that she will be</p>		<p>Education of public officials.</p> <p>Education of election officials.</p>		<p>\$3,512.00*</p>	
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<p>adding emphasis to future trainings as to the posting of information related to voting rights, the grievance process and other disability rights information.</p> <p>As a result of inquiries made by IPAS to the Indiana Secretary of State's Office, it was determined that the Secretary of State's Office lacked the proper accommodations to communicate with hearing impaired individuals who would contact their office to transact business. Such business would include contact with the Secretary of State's "Help America Vote Act" (HAVA) Coordinator or the Indiana Elections Commission regarding election issues or utilization of the HAVA grievance process. The Secretary of State's Office has informed IPAS that it has purchased a teletypewriter (TTY) machine to accommodate hearing impaired individuals, and that it is in the process of being installed on a dedicated line.</p> <p>IPAS made inquiries to the Indiana Secretary of State's Office, through the HAVA Coordinator and the Indiana Elections Commission, as to their oversight of the responsibility of the various State agencies to proactively encourage and assist in voter registration activities. This inquiry was specifically directed toward State operated and funded facilities that</p>		<p>Education of public officials.</p> <p>Voter enablement and empowerment.</p>			
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provide services to individuals with disabilities, and can be directed by the IEC to provide assistance to these individuals with the voter registration process. As a result of these communications, IPAS became aware that the Secretary of State's Office had sent a letter to an unknown number of State funded agencies/entities reminding them of their legal obligation to facilitate voter registration. IPAS received a copy of the letter on or about July 21. The letter, which was not dated, cited Indiana Code 3-7-16-1 in reaffirming the statutory obligation of State funded programs that serve people with disabilities to provide voter registration forms at the time services are requested or assistance eligibility is recertified.					
<p><u>Area 5</u></p> <p>❖ To assist individuals with disabilities in filing complaints under the State-based administrative grievance procedure required by HAVA and represent individuals with disabilities in any hearing that may be held regarding the complaint.</p> <p><i>Goal/Activity outlined in plan (application):</i></p>					
Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 5	Description of activities in Area 5 that displayed innovation which can be shared as "Best Practices" with other State P&A's
Total number of cases regarding accessibility, voter registration and other related issues opened and handled	16	Individual assistance.		\$14,051.00*	

<p>by IPAS during Fiscal Year 2008.</p> <p>IPAS received two (2) information and referral requests during the second quarter of 2008. One request involved issues as to knowledge and training of election staff as to disability voting accommodations and problems with the readability of ballots. A second request was received as a result of the March 11th Special Election. The second issue involved physical access to a polling place that was impaired by a Department of Public Works street project. The caller was provided with the number for the Indiana Secretary of State's HAVA Office, information as to the availability of the grievance process, and offered the opportunity to re-contact IPAS if they need assistance in filing and pursuing a grievance.</p> <p>IPAS did receive and investigate a complaint from a poll worker regarding alleged accessibility problems at the polling place at which they worked on May 6, 2008. The report regarded a polling place in Marion County that was alleged to be inaccessible to individuals in wheelchairs. Specifically, it was alleged that the curb cuts that allow wheelchair access to the sidewalk were insufficient and that the wheelchair ramp to the facility was too steep to allow reasonable, ADA compliant access to the building and, therefore, the</p>	2	<p>Informational assistance.</p> <p>Assuring accessibility to the voting process.</p>			
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<p>polling place was not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Architectural Barriers Act. The case was assigned to an Advocate who conducted a fact-finding investigation to determine the validity of the allegations. The IPAS Advocate completed the fact-finding/investigation on the case. The evidence gathered by the IPAS Advocate as a result of on-site inspection, failed to find any violations or barriers related to curb cuts, wheelchair ramp grade or door width for accessibility purposes, and the case was closed.</p> <p>IPAS did receive one (1) request for assistance in filing a grievance with the Indiana Secretary of State's Office during the third quarter of 2008. IPAS was not able to assist with the complaint as it related to fraud and appropriate training of election site staff, and had no relation whatsoever to any issue involving disability and voting access. The complainant was referred to the Indiana Secretary of State's HAVA Coordinator to initiate the grievance process.</p>		<p>Referral to the appropriate agency.</p>			
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<p><u>Area 6</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To provide assistance to States and other governmental entities regarding the physical accessibility of polling places. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activities may include, but not limited to surveying polling places, identifying potential modifications to make specific polling places accessible, and developing criteria for identifying accessible polling places. <p><i>Goal/Activity outlined in plan (application):</i></p>					
Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 6	Description of activities in Area 6 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services is participating in cooperation with the Governor’s Planning Council and Disability Council and the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community (IIDC), through which IPAS hopes to obtain feedback as barriers to the voting process and the awareness of the disability community of the voting grievance process available through the Indiana Secretary of State’s Office as a result of the Help America Vote Act. It is anticipated that the results of this survey will become available during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2009, at which time recommendations for action and initiatives, based upon the results of the survey, can be made.		Identification of voting related problems and issues.		\$7,025.00*	
<p><u>Area 7</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To obtain training and technical assistance on voting issues, including education regarding accessible voting equipment and systems. Once educated, the information may be used to inform others of the availability of accessible voting equipment and its use. 					

<i>Goal/Activity outlined in plan (application):</i>					
Description of activities performed and completed	Number of individuals served	Description of types of outreach and education	Description of Activities NOT completed and the barriers and/or reasons	Total amount of HAVA funding expended on activities in Area 7	Description of activities in Area 7 that displayed innovation which can be shared as “Best Practices” with other State P&A’s
<p>The PAVA Coordinator participated in two (2) telephonic roundtables during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2008. The first of these took place on November 14, 2007, and was entitled “Analysis of Election Reform Successes in the States”. A general discussion of recent and current election reforms occurred, with the primary reforms centering on the various voter identification laws and innovative and more voter friendly forms of voter registration. The second teleconference, which took place on December 12, 2007, discussed implementation of and pending legislation related to the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG). Primary information provided in the conference involved Congress’ amendment of implementation dates and various States technical and other difficulties encountered in the process of implementing the VVSG.</p> <p>IPAS’ PAVA Coordinator attended the Annual Conference of the National Disability Rights Network in New</p>		<p>Staff education.</p> <p>Staff education.</p>		\$3,512.00*	

<p>Orleans, Louisiana in June, 2008. During the course of the conference, a number of meetings and conversations, both formal and informal, were participated in which resulted in the exchange of information and ideas with PAVA staff from various States. Information as to future teleconferences, meetings, etc., was also discussed by National Disability Rights Network's Voting Access Director, Delores Scott McKnight.</p> <p>IPAS' PAVA Coordinator took part in several meetings and phone conversations with Self Advocates of Indiana. Many of the contacts occurred with the President of Self Advocates, Betty Williams, with whom information was exchanged across a number of voting issues and topics. A presentation of the new <i>Voting Guide</i> was made to the members in attendance at the July 16th state-wide meeting of Self Advocates of Indiana, at which meeting the attendees provided input regarding additions to and improvement of the content of the <i>Voting Guide</i> prior to final printing. The presentation also served as a general outreach and distribution of voting information consistent with the PAVA outreach program that was initiated and carried out throughout this quarter by the Advocates.</p>		<p>Staff education.</p>			
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<p>IPAS' PAVA Coordinator participated in a telephone conference on August 14th, which was organized and sponsored by the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN). The primary purpose of the teleconference was to update voting access coordinators as to the "Memorandum of Understanding" entered into by and between NDRN and the Election Protection Partnership, and the programs and activities covered by the memorandum, which include voter hotlines for reporting voting access issues and distribution of registration information.</p> <p>IPAS Staff were provided with materials and in-service training during the August Client Services Meeting in preparation for their PAVA outreach/speaking activities conducted this quarter. The materials and discussions covered voter registration generally, appropriate identification cards, absentee ballot processes and forms, all of IPAS new voting publications, as well as many other voting related topics. The PAVA Coordinator has continued to provide support to IPAS staff as requested during their outreach efforts.</p>		<p>Staff education.</p> <p>Staff training and education.</p>			
<p>Citizen feedback regarding the improvements and/or changes to ensure full participation in the electoral process.</p>					

Funding carried over from previous fiscal years – FY 2003 - \$ 0 FY 2004 - \$ 0 FY 2005 - \$4,038.00 FY2006- \$14,180.00 FY2007- \$52,161.00 FY2008 - \$70,245.00
Explanation of spending trend (use of funds and/or lack of funds used) <p>The total of all HAVA funds expended during Fiscal Year 2008 (10/1/07-9/30/08) was \$70,257.00. The total amount of funds shown as expended in the seven (7) reporting sections listed above is \$52,688.00. The difference in these two numbers, \$17,569.00, represents HAVA-related expenditures for expenses shared by all of the grants which fund Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services, such as support services, administrator salary, rent, contracts, etc., which expenses are not directly allocable to any of the seven (7) areas in the report.</p> <p>*Because our accounting system was not set up to track expenses by category in FY 2008, the amount of funds expended for each of the seven (7) areas is an estimate based on the total funds expended multiplied by the estimated amount of time spent on each activity.</p>